



CLASSIFICATION:

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History In the Making

- **1936 to 2006** Motor Carrier Classification
- **NMFTA** celebrates 50 years of Classification
- **NMFTA** obtains the Copyright to the NMFC in 2005
- **Carrier** interest remains high
- **2001** Product identification becomes a national security issue.



Creation of Motor Carrier Classification

- **ICC** determines that chaos exists in the motor carrier industry pricing system
- **1935** – ICC requires Motor Carriers to establish a Classification System
- **Goals:** identify commodities using shipper industry terminology; assign a value to shipping characteristics; simplify pricing
- **1936** – NMFC is born





- **1956** NMFTA is incorporated to maintain the NMFC
- **Antitrust** immunity is granted to NCC to allow carriers to discuss classification descriptions and classes
- **Carriers/Shippers** continue updating the NMFC
- **2005** NMFTA acquires copyright and continues its mission of updating the NMFC

What is classification?



Classification: a systematic arrangement in groups or categories according to established criteria

Generic Headings – large categories of commodities grouped according to industry criteria

Article Descriptions – individual listings of commodities using industry terminology for identification

Classes – numeric representation of transportation characteristics: density, handling, stowing, liability



GSA and NMFTA Have Relations

- Government relations!
- NMFTA member carriers are presently working with GSA on:
 - Improper use of GBL's by domestic carriers
 - Certification of Transportation Managers
 - Collection of Transportation Data
- Member carriers are also working with DoD
- Government Relations Committee





Standard Carrier

Alpha Code

SCAC

- **SCAC** is required when doing business with all U.S. Government agencies, **i.e. SDDC, GSA**
- **SCAC** is required in American National Standards Institute (**ANSI**) Accredited Standards Committee (**ASC**) **X12** and United Nations EDIFACT approved electronic data interchange (**EDI**) transaction sets



SCAC

- **SCAC** is required on tariffs filed with the **Surface Transportation Board (STB)**.
- **SCAC** is required by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security for their automated manifest (**AMS**) and pre-arrival processing (**PAPS**) systems.
- **SCAC** is required of carriers who sign the Uniform Intermodal Interchange Agreement (**UIIA**),





Standard Point
Location Code

SPLC

- Developed by NMFTA in 1960s to identify each point originating or receiving freight in North America
- A unique 9-digit code used to facilitate computerization of rate and tariff information.
- Used by the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (**SDDC**), the North American railroad industry and many motor carriers and shippers.





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